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**ON THE COVER:** New Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles with his wife Rosie, and children Brandon and Jordan. Nettles became the college's seventh president July 1, 2008. Photo by Johnny Smith Photography.


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# From the President

*By Dr. Ronnie Nettles*

As the new president of Co-Lin, Homecoming provided me an opportunity to hear the memories of many of our outstanding alumni as they gathered on our campus. I found that the 2008 Homecoming theme, "Remember, Rediscover, and Reconnect," was very appropriate.

I was especially grateful to meet with the classes of 1948 and 1958 on Friday evening. I appreciate very much them allowing me to be a part of their reunion activities. I also enjoyed meeting with two of our alumni from the class of 1938 on Saturday, Mrs. Marguerite Rutledge and Mrs. Ruth Dale from Lawrence County. They were very excited to be back at Co-Lin and to see the PowerPoint presentation at the Awards Program that contained many of their class pictures.

The weekend activities also provided me an opportunity to visit with Co-Lin's own 854th Medical Collecting Unit on Saturday. This unit is a special group that has a proud college and military history. There were many other groups that gathered including the Co-Lin High School classes of 1948 and 1963, athletic alumni, the Clyde Wilson Era Band alumni, the Blue Wave Band alumni, and others.

All of the alumni I met shared with me wonderful stories about their days at Co-Lin and how the college impacted their lives.

The annual Athletic and Band Hall of Fame inductions and the awards programs were well attended. I congratulate again the many award recipients that were recognized during Homecoming. They have all brought great distinction to themselves and Co-Lin.

The end of a great Homecoming weekend came when our Co-Lin Wolves won in overtime against the nationally ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs.

It was a great weekend, and all the Homecoming activities reminded me that Co-Lin is a very special Place to Be!

Ronald E. Nettles

# Alumni President's Message

*By Steve Moreman ('84)*

Happy New Year! I hope that with the start of 2009, you and your family have had a safe and happy holiday season. The holidays always seem so busy, with many more things to do, and places to be than time allows. As for my family, we have to always slow down and remember the real reason for the season.

With that said, as anyone who has ever been in sales will recall, a sales person will always hear this time of year "see me after the first." As I thought about that statement, I saw how it could be applied to the Co-Lin Alumni Association. If Co-Lin were to ask you for some of your time, would you say "see me after the first" and then just move on? Many of us have not been back to campus since graduation. It is very impressive to see all the improvements made since we left Co-Lin. The college has a new president, Dr. Ronnie Nettles, and I am sure he will continue the progress of his predecessors and move Co-Lin forward in the years to come.

When I was on campus as a student, the slogan of the college was, "Co-Lin... the place to be!" It was then, and is now, the place to be! We have very active alumni chapters now, whether you were an athlete, in the band, or just a commuting student, the Alumni Association has a place for you. The Alumni Association is what you make it. Get involved, ask past students to come, and let's make 2009, one of the best years Co-Lin has ever seen. So, will you say, "see me after the first", or will you be at the "place to be" in 2009? Here's hoping you will choose the latter. I hope to see you at "Co-Lin... the place to be."

# Alumni Association

## | Officers elected for 2008-2009 |

Newly elected officers are from left, Angela Berch of Wesson, secretary; Celeste Jones Williamson of Brookhaven, vice president; and Steve Moreman of Monticello, president.

Steve Moreman ('84) of Monticello is the new president of the Co-Lin Alumni Association. Moreman is a funeral director and serves on the Board of Aldermen for Monticello. He also serves as mayor pro-tempore. Moreman and his wife, Gayden, have three sons, Alton, Elliott, and Oliver.

Celeste Jones Williamson ('97) of Brookhaven is serving as vice-president. She received an undergraduate degree from Delta State University. Williamson is workforce education training specialist for Co-Lin. She and her husband, Carey, have three children.

Angela Berch ('84) of Wesson was elected secretary of the Alumni Association. She received her B. S. degree from Mississippi State University and her M.B.A. from Mississippi College. Berch is a workforce development coordinator for Co-Lin.

Lisa Ward Purdie ('84) of Ridgeland is the immediate past president.

## | Band & Colette Hall of Fame & Outstanding Young Alumni |

Clyde Wilson of Aberdeen, a former band director and a 1950 graduate, was inducted into the Co-Lin Band and Colette Hall of Fame at ceremonies held during Homecoming. Amanda Michelle Maxie of Monticello was honored as Outstanding Young Alumna.

Wilson came to Co-Lin as band director in 1958 and served ten years. Under his leadership the band performed at such events as the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C., and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Maxie of Monticello is currently serving as assistant director of bands at Lawrence County High School. She was at Co-Lin in 2002-04.

**Officers**

Newly elected officers of the Band and Colette Alumni Chapter are Johnnie Ruth Carpenter Carlisle ('63) of Wesson, president; Mark Hamilton of Wesson, vice president; and Celeste Williamson of Brookhaven, secretary. Charlie McCall of McCall Creek is the past president.

## | Athletic Alumni Association Taps Officers |

At the annual meeting of the athletic alumni association held during homecoming activities, J. Ronny Smith of Brookhaven was elected as the new president of the Co-Lin Athletic Alumni Association. Smith is a 1966 graduate and played basketball for the Wolves.

He will be joined by Pat Hennington ('60) of Brookhaven as vice-president and Dr. Dianne Smith Watson ('89) also of Brookhaven as secretary. Don Presley ('74) and Kenny Britt ('63) were elected to serve as board members for the organization.

The organization is made up of all former Co-Lin athletes. The Athletic Alumni Association is also responsible for the selection through a committee of inductees into the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame and nominating Co-Lin representatives for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College (MACJC) Sports Hall of Fame.

# Alumni of the Year

Patti Page Wade and Dr. Douglas Davis were honored at homecoming as outstanding alumni of the college. The selection is made by a committee of alumni from throughout Co-Lin's district.

Patti Page Wade of Flowood and Dr. Douglas Davis of Brentwood, Tenn., were named Outstanding Alumni during ceremonies at Co-Lin's Homecoming.

Wade is a 1981 Co-Lin graduate, a former president of the Alumni Association, and a former member of the Co-Lin Foundation board of directors. She is the director of communications and marketing for Millsaps College. At Co-Lin she was named to Who's Who Among American College Students, was named to the college's Hall of Fame and was head Colette. Wade has also taught public speaking for Co-Lin.

She received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University Of Southern Mississippi School Of Mass Communications. Her professional affiliations include the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and the Jackson Ad Club. Wade is also certified by the American Medical Association Society of Public Relations.

She and her husband Frank Wade have two daughters, Sarah and Rachel. They are members of Crossgates United Methodist Church in Brandon.

Davis is a 1948 graduate of Co-Lin. His career has included professional speaking and consulting, serving as a college professor and administrator, and radio and television announcing and reporting. He is currently president of Davis Associates, consultant in organizational development. He has spoke to more than 5,000 audiences in 42 states.

He is a graduate of Delta State University, the University of Hawaii, and received his Ph.D. from Indiana University in rhetoric and public address. He taught at the University of Hawaii and Indiana University while still a graduate student. Davis was an associate professor at Millsaps College and the University of Alabama and was a professor and administrator at the University of Tennessee. He has worked at radio stations in Tupelo, Cleveland, Memphis, Tenn., Hawaii, and was an announcer and reporter for WJTV in Jackson.

His wife is the former Nell Meeks. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Davis, who was recovering from heart bypass surgery, was unable to attend. His award was accepted by a classmate, Alton Ricks.

## Just "Dues" It!

If you haven't paid your Co-Lin Alumni Association dues, please "dues" it to become an active member of the Association. Please consider investing $25 for an individual, $40 for a couple or $250 for a life-time membership.

Make your check payable to Co-Lin Alumni Association and mail to P. O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191.

Alumni dues help publish *im*PACK and *The Colinian* and fund homecoming and other events.

# | Outstanding Staff & Instructors Honored |

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association honored five instructors and staff members for their outstanding contributions to the college. Chris Warren was named outstanding academic instructor on the Wesson Campus. Cindy Higgs was honored as the outstanding career-tech instructor on the Wesson Campus. Also, Lillie Shannon of the Wesson Campus was named outstanding staff member. Gwen McCalip was honored as outstanding faculty/staff member at Natchez, and Lisa Pearson was named outstanding faculty/staff member at the Simpson County Center.

*Pictured from left, Lisa Pearson, Cindy Higgs, Lillie Shannon, Gwen McCalip, and Chris Warren.*

**Chris Warren**

Warren of Brookhaven is an instructor both in history and in music. In addition, he serves as assistant band director and as director of curriculum and assessment. He joined Co-Lin in 1995.

He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mississippi State University. While at Mississippi State, he was in the Maroon Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Basketball Pep Band as well as the Starkville and Columbus symphony orchestras.

He has received the Co-Lin High Performance Award, Co-Lin Humanities Instructor of the Year, the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award, Outstanding Teachers of America, and was named The Wesson Chamber of Commerce Instructor of the Year.

Warren is married to the former Mary Porter, and they have three children, Ike, Gracee, and Jon. The family attends Arlington Baptist Church.

**Cindy Higgs**

Higgs of Wesson is an instructor in the medical laboratory technology program on the Wesson campus. She was a medical technologist at Magee General Hospital and Hinds General Hospital prior to joining Co-Lin. Higgs is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is a member of American Society of Clinical Pathologists and both the Mississippi and the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientist. Higgs was named Instructor of the Year by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientist for 2000.

Her other awards include Who's Who Among American Teachers, NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award, Lamplighter, International Who's Who of Professionals, and the Co-Lin High Performance Award.

Higgs and her husband, David, have one son, Michael. The Higgs attend Wesson Baptist Church.

**Lillie Shannon**

Lillie Shannon of Wesson is academic faculty secretary on the Wesson Campus. She is a 1974 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Community College with an Associate of Arts and a certificate. She has been with Co-Lin for 25 years having first served in the early 1980s and re-joined the college in 1987.

Shannon's service has been recognized with the awarding of the college's High Performance Award. She is also a lay leader in the United Methodist Church.

She has two children, Cheri and Kristian Tiana, and two grandchildren.

**Gwen McCalip**

McCalip is director of admission and records for the Natchez Campus. She served as acting dean of the campus following Dr. Ronnie Nettles and before Teresa Harrison. She received her undergraduate degree from Mississippi

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# Sports Hall of Fame

## Has Five New Members

By David Campbell

Five new members were inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Members of the class of 2008 are from left, Chet Mercier (tennis), Demetrics Cain (basketball), Richard Shoemaker (basketball), Ken and Robert Britt, sons of the late Oscar Lee "Honey" Britt (football), and Sammy Blackmon

Co-Lin has five new member in its Sports Hall of Fame. Inducted during Homecoming were Sammy Blackmon, Oscar Lee "Honey" Britt, Demetrics Cain, Chet Mercier, and Richard Shoemaker.

### Sammy Blackmon

Blackmon of Greenwood was inducted for his skill in basketball during the 1970-72 season at Co-Lin. He made all-state his sophomore year and helped lead the Wolves to the South Mississippi Championship and a 24-6 record. He also earned Most Valuable Player in 1972. Blackmon came to Co-Lin from Monticello and played at Mississippi College after Co-Lin.

### Oscar Lee "Honey" Britt

Britt, who was inducted posthumously, died in Ontario, Calif., in 1992. He became a member of the college football team while still a junior in high school. While at Co-Lin he was also named all-state guard. After Co-Lin he played for the Ole Miss Rebels and late played professional ball for the Washington Redskins. His sons, Ken and Robert, accepted the award. Other children include Craig, Karen, Carol, and Debra.

### Demetrics Cain

Cain of Natchez played basketball in 1995-97. She averaged 16.1 points and 9 rebounds her first year and 19.8 points and 9 rebounds her sophomore year. She made first team all-state, all-region, and all-region all tournament team both years. She continued her education at Alcorn State University and is currently working toward her master's degree at Alcorn.

### Chet Mercier

Mercier of Kingwood, Tex., is a 1981 Co-Lin graduate and the first tennis player to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. He was state champion in number one doubles in 1981 and state runner-up in number two doubles in 1980. Mercier was also an outstanding student earning academic all-American in 1981 with a 4.0 grade point average. He is also a Mississippi State graduate.

### Richard Shoemaker

Shoemaker was an outstanding basketball player in 1961-63. He also lettered in track. He was the team's leading rebounder and team captain his sophomore year. Gwen Young, Co-Lin athletic director, said at the induction ceremonies that had Shoemaker been six-feet, eight inches tall instead of six feet, he would have made the NBA. He continued his education at Livingston State. Shoemaker

# | Foundation receives Taylor gift |

*By Natalie Davis*

Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation is the recipient of a gift of approximately $667,000 from Jewett Taylor and her late husband Fred of Oxford. The gift will be used to establish the President's Instructional Improvement Fund at the college.

"We are very grateful to Mrs. Taylor for her generous donation to the college," said Co-Lin's new President Dr. Ronnie Nettles. "She and her late husband Fred have been strong supporters of Co-Lin for many years. We anticipate this donation will have a significant and lasting impact on our instructional programs."

Dr. Wally Guess, long-time friend of the Taylors, said Mrs. Taylor was pleased to give the money to Co-Lin to help Dr. Nettles begin his administration.

"We anticipate this donation will have a significant and lasting impact on our instructional programs."

*- Dr. Ronnie Nettles*

"Fred and I have always been interested in doing everything we can to support Co-Lin its students, faculty, and staff," said Mrs. Taylor as she signed the check.

"We hope other potential donors recognize what a jewel Co-Lin is in high education," said Dr. Guess.

Taylor was a native of Gallman in Copiah County and a 1926 graduate of Co-Lin. He retired as an insurance agent in 1958 and operated a 600-acre registered cattle farm at Oxford.

Taylor and his wife Jewett have previously given the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation three of the largest gifts it has received. Those monies were used in part to complete the Fred and Jewett Taylor Chapel in 1998, to enhance the technology at the Billy B. Thames Conference Center in 2000, to establish the Taylor Presidential Scholarships in 2004, and to establish the library at the college's Simpson County Center in 2005.

While a student at Co-Lin, Taylor lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He is a member of the college's Athletic Hall of Fame, Foundation Hall of Fame and was named a Distinguished Alumni Leader posthumously at Co-Lin's 75th anniversary celebration during homecoming activities this year.

He attended Mississippi State University in 1927 and transferred to Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where he received a B.A. in economics in 1931. While there, he lettered in football and basketball. For three years following college graduation (1931-1934), he was a high school principal and football and basketball coach in Providence, Kentucky.

Taylor, a member of the Masonic Lodge, was inducted into the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum hall of Fame in October 1984. He has been the recipient of numerous agricultural, soil and conservation awards over the years. He was selected Citizen of the Year for the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

In 1998, Taylor and his wife, Jewett, were inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Foundation Hall of Fame. Taylor was selected Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Alumnus of the Year in 2000 and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni in 2003. Taylor passed away in September of 2003.

Taylor's other accomplishments included commissioner for the Lafayette County Soil and Water Conservation for 19 years, Director of the State SWCD Commissioners for 12 years, past president of the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, director of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, member of the state board of directors for the Mississippi Affiliate American Heart Association and a member of the Transylvania University alumni board.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank in Oxford and a member of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Cattleman's Association.

Co-Lin Foundation provides over $100,000 in scholarships to over 140 Co-Lin students. The college's district includes Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln and Simpson counties.

# Homecoming '08

**Homecoming Golf Tournament**

**Class of 1958**

The weather was beautiful, the food was great, old classmates reconnected, and the Wolfpack won the game. Homecoming 2008 was a huge success. The day started off with the induction of five new members into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Members of the class of 2008 are Sammy Blackmon (basketball), the late Oscar Lee "Honey" Britt (football), Demetrics Cain (basketball), Chet Mercier (tennis), and Richard Shoemaker (basketball).

**Clyde Wilson Era Band**

The Band and Colette Alumni Association inducted Clyde Wilson into their Hall of Fame. Wilson is a former Blue Wave Band director. They group also tapped Michelle Maxie as their Outstanding Young Alumni. Maxie is the band director at Lawrence County High School.

**Alumni and Athletic Alumni Presidents**

The Alumni Association honored Patti Page Wade of Flowood and Dr. Douglas Davis of Brentwood, Tenn., as 2008 Alumni of the Year. Also honored were Chris Warren, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Cindy Higgs, Outstanding Career-Technical Instructor; Lillie Shannon, Outstanding Staff Member; Gwen McCalip, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member Natchez Campus; and Lisa Pearson, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member Simpson County Center.

**Homecoming Court**

The annual tailgate party featured entertainment by Delta State University's Ol Skool Band at the annual tailgate party. Entertainment for children included inflatable slide and jumper, a hay ride, and face painting. Grilled chicken plates, hotdogs, and rib eye sandwich plates provided by the Copiah County Cattleman's Association.

# Homecoming Golf Tournament

## Ratcliff, Hennington capture top prize in homecoming golf tournament

Ryan Ratcliff and Craig Hennington captured first place in the championship flight of the annual Copiah-Lincoln Community College Homecoming Golf Tournament at Wolf Hollow Golf Club. The duo shot a 59.

Taking second place honors with a 60 was the team of Alton Greenlee and Mark Castilaw. Tied for third place with a 63 were Chris Lofton and Ricky McInnis and Colby Bass and Tony McInnis.

First flight winners were Donnie Sasser and Ed Pinter with a 66. In a three-way tie for second place with a score of 67 were Glynn Murray and Wayne Wilson, Trey Maddox and Trent Maddox, and Chuck Smith and Roland Ross.

Tied for first place in the second flight with a 72 were Tommy Sasser and Kent Welch and Shelton Rogers and Albert Hennington. Third place went to the team of Ralph Sanders and Pat Hennington at 74.

On-course winners included Jarvis Chappell, closest to the pin No. 4; Ryan Ratcliff, closest to the pin No. 8; Pat Hennington, closest to the pin No. 11; and Colby Bass, closest to the pin No. 14. Other winners included Colby Bass, longest putt No. 9 and Ed Norwood, longest drive No. 2.
Twenty teams participated in the two-man scramble.

Championship flight winners in Co-Lin's annual men's homecoming golf tournament are from left, Craig Hennington, first place; Ricky McInnis, Colby Bass and Troy McInnis, third place. Not pictured are Ryan Ratcliff, first place; Alton Greenlee and Mark Castilaw, second place; and Chris Lofton, third place.

First flight winners are Ed Pinter, first place and Roland Ross, second place. Not pictured are Donnie Sasser, first place; Wayne Wilson, Glynn Murray, and Chuck Smith, second place.

Second flight winner is Tommy Sasser, first place. Not pictured is Kent Welch, Shelton Rogers and Albert Hennington, first place; Ralph Sanders and Pat Hennington, third place.

### Championship Flight:

Ryan Ratcliff-Craig Hennington – 59
Alton Greenlee-Mark Castilaw – 60
Chris Lofton-Ricky McInnis – 63
Colby Bass-Tony McInnis – 63
Jake Smith-Derin Petite – 64
Jarvis Chappell-Dana Ellis – 65
Dennis Meilstrup-Duane Meilstrup – 67
Mike Jones-John Ratcliff - 67

### First Flight:

Donnie Sasser-Ed Pinter – 66
Trey Maddox-Trent Maddox-67
Wayne Wilson-Glynn Murray – 67
Chuck Smith-Roland Ross-67
Bobbie McGuffie-Regan Allen – 69
Roger Maddox-Sam Jones-70
Wilson Winstead-Phillip Wallace-71
Ed Norwood-Angela Berch - 72

### Second Flight:

Tommy Sasser-Kent Welch – 72
Shelton Rogers –Albert Hennington – 72
Ralph Sanders-Pat Hennington-74
Sharon Langley-Michael Tanner-75
Eddie Pickett-Eddie Ashley-75
Neal Ravenhorst-Mark Ravenhorst-86

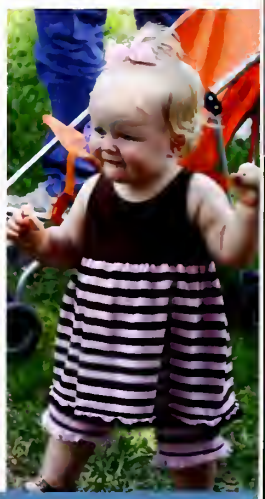
CLASS OF 1948 - The members of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1948 celebrated their 60th class reunion during recent homecoming activities. Members of the class include seated from left, Agnes Burt Williams of Brookhaven, Helen Lee Page of Hazlehurst, Mary Weems Kimble of El Paso, Texas, Geraldine Saxon Britt of Clinton, Betty Jo Hedgepeth Wolfkill of Baton Rouge, Marilyn Burney Thompson of Starkville, Dorothy Assink Wittig of Wesson, Edna Earle Lane Guynes of Mendenhall, Bertha Hartzog Thornton of Jackson; standing from left, Alton Ricks of Wesson, Marcell Britt of Clinton, C. L. Mason of Vicksburg, Garland Brown of Bogue Chitto, Charlie Guynes of Mendenhall, David Kennedy of Magee, Billy Strait of Brookhaven, John Ward of Holly Springs, Ben Burney of Crystal Springs, and Charles Glenn Layton of Magee.

CLASS OF 1958 – The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1958 celebrated their 50th class reunion during recent homecoming activities. Members of the class include seated from left, Taylor Moulder, Jane Ellen (Crabdree) Layton, Relda Ann (Burris) Cagle, Glenn Beasley, James Earl Cone, and Charles Hinson; standing from left, Phillip Miller, Sherrod Scott, Denton Ducker, Janice (Mooney) Mullins, Laverne (Landers) Hutchinson, James Carraway, Troy Greer, Hollis Shoemaker, Carl Niven, Jim Cagle, Jim Nations.

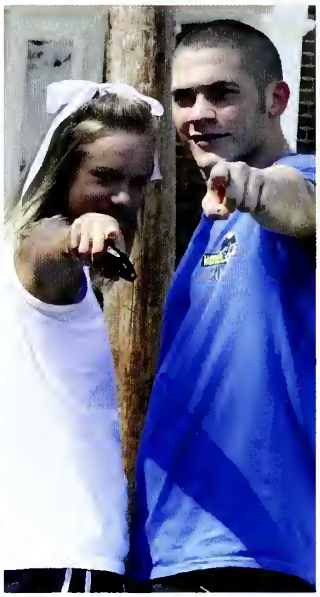
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1948 – The members of the Copiah-Lincoln Community High School Class of 1948 met during recent homecoming activities. Members of the class include seated from left, Dolores Porter of Natchez, Maudell Ashley Weeks, Dorothy Tyson Jones, and Margie Howington Fore, all of Wesson; standing from left, John Paul Smith of Brookhaven, Kenneth Furr and Edward Graham, both of Wesson.

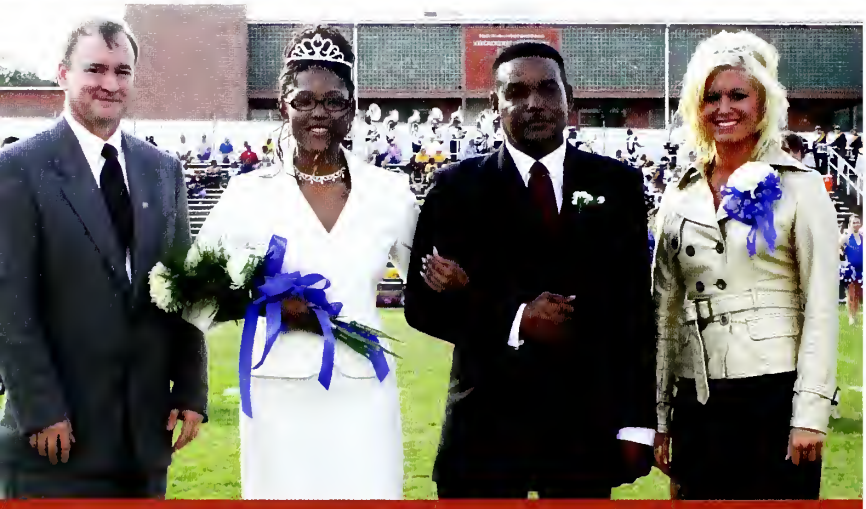
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963 – The Copiah-Lincoln High School Class of 1963 met during recent homecoming activities. Members of the class include seated from left, Sonya White Cowan, Bobbie Barlow Kimble, Toni Price Goza, and Mattie Lea Smith, all of Wesson; Wanzi Jasper Love of Ider, AL; Shirley Lovette Magee of Brookhaven, Martha Lea Smith of Wesson, Beverly Britt of Brookhaven; standing from left, Lyn Howington of Brookhaven, Lynwood Teaster of Ruth, Joe Mullins of Byram, Herbert Davis of Brookhaven, Sara Johnson of Wesson (senior class sponsor), James Richmond of Prentiss, and Starkey Coleman of Wesson.

CLASS OF 1938 - Two members of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1938, Marguerite Newsome Rutledge (left) and Ruth Cole Dale, both of Monticello, were recently honored during the college's homecoming activities.



Members of Copiah-Lincoln Community College's 2008 Homecoming Court are from left, April Adcox of Mize, freshman maid Wesson campus; Ashley Butler of Natchez, sophomore maid Natchez campus; Courtney Reid of Jayess, freshman maid Wesson campus; Amber Sullivan of Mize, sophomore maid Simpson County Center, Lacey Hicks of Natchez, freshman maid Natchez campus; Alexis Mitchell of Gallman, sophomore maid Wesson campus; Destiny Brown of Roxie, 2008 homecoming queen; Elizabeth Cowan of Ridgecrest, sophomore maid Natchez campus; Bailey Brister of Monticello, freshman maid Wesson campus; Caitlin Johnson of Natchez, sophomore maid Wesson campus; Ashton Corley of Magee, freshman maid Simpson County Center; Amanda Blair of Brookhaven, sophomore maid Wesson campus; Kallie Swoveland of Vidalia, La., freshman maid Natchez campus. The members of the homecoming court were escorted by their fathers and other family members.

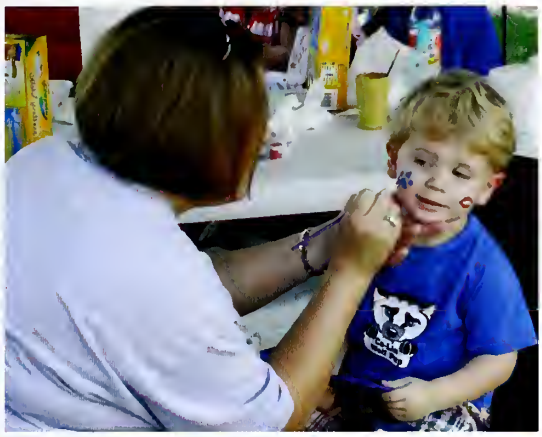


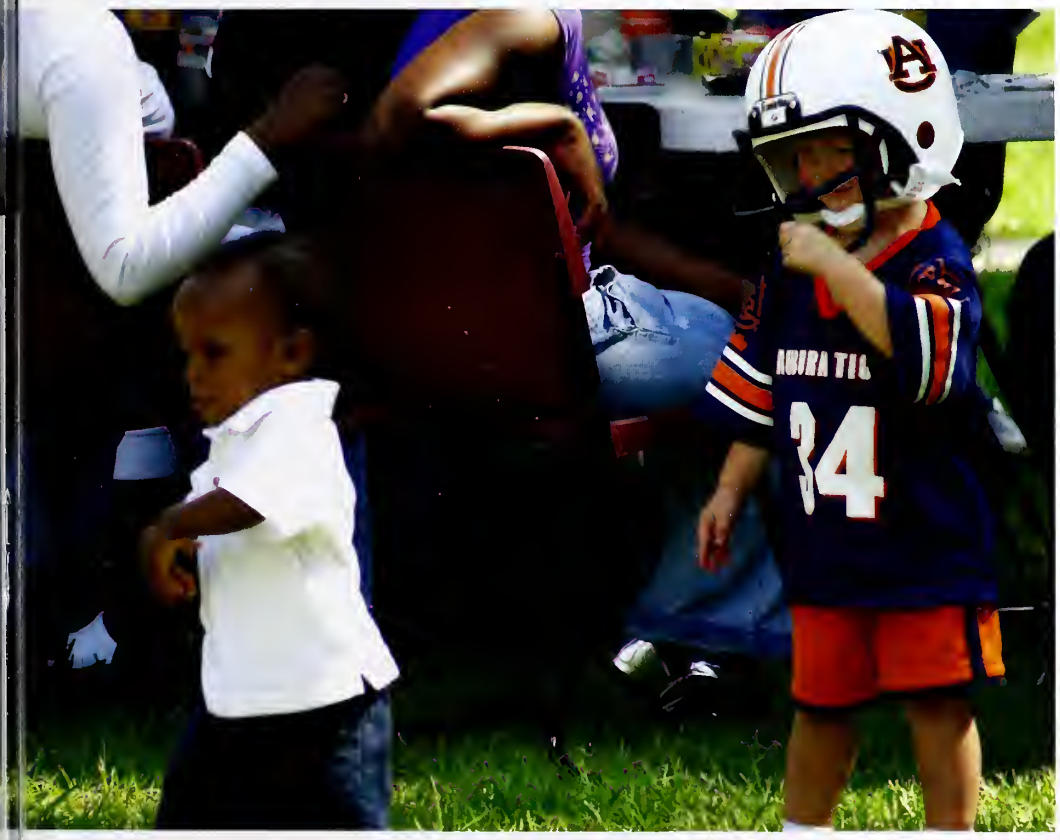


Destiny Brown of Roxie (second from left) was crowned Copiah-Lincoln Community College's 2008 homecoming queen. Pictured are from left, Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles, Destiny Brown, Destiny's father Kenneth Carl Brown, Sr. and 2007 homecoming queen Meleah Brown of Bogue Chitto.

## Clyde Wilson Era Reunion

Members of the Clyde Wilson Era Band and Colettes recently met during homecoming activities include seated from left, Kayron Little Russell of Brandon, Loretta Beasley Buckley of Brandon, Johnnie Ruth Carpenter Carlisle of Wesson, Clyde Wilson of Aberdeen, Judy Sims Pettey of Meridian, Joyce McGhee Williams of Atlanta, Ga.; second row from left, Mary Ethel Dykes Terrell of Orlando, Fla., Jerry Harper of Hazlehurst, Sonya White Cowen of Wesson, Charlotte Ready Carter of Monticello, Sammye Rose Lusk Levy of New Orleans, Connie Barton Evans of Crystal Springs; third row from left, Linda Sue Fortenberry Dykes of Wesson, Charles McCall of McCall Creek, Dona Jones Cowart of Smithdale, John Calcote of Brookhaven, Gail Whittom Mitchell of Picayune, and Chip Barton of Crystal Springs.





# Community Arts Series

## | Celebrates its 28th Season |

The Community Arts Aficionado Series kicks off the second half of an exciting season with performances by Quink Vocal Ensemble, Ailey II Dance Company, and pianist Philippe Bianconi.

### Quink

January 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Rea Auditorium

This remarkable a cappella group of five Dutch singers has developed a special style and established a reputation for captivating its audiences with expressive programs of a varied repertoire from early Renaissance to music from our own era.

### Ailey II Dance Company

February 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Rea Auditorium

Ailey II canders perform an exhilarating and diverse repertoire that includes Alvin Ailey's timeless classics and thrilling new works by today's most outstanding choreographers.

### Philippe Bianconi

March 24, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Rea Auditorium

French pianist and Van Cliburn Silver Medalist has enthralled audiences and critics throughout the world.

*The first half of the season featured the Big Band sound of Danny Blanton and the Swing Machine, the Georgia Guitar Quartet, and prizewinning pianist Michael Gurt.*

*Season tickets are still available for these performances and the post-concert receptions. Tickets may be purchased at the Co-Lin Business Office on the Wesson campus for $50 (adults), $40 (senior adults), and $20 (students).*

*Single performance tickets are $16 for Adults, $14 for Senior Adults, and $10 for Students.*

Highlighting the second half of the popular Showcase Series is a performance by Co-Lin piano instructor Joseph LaRosa and an art exhibit by Wayne Page and Co-Lin art instructor Tom Ross.

### Joseph LaRosa

March 3, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Rea Auditorium

Copiah-Lincoln Community College piano instructor, Dr. Joseph LaRosa, has performed solos and chamber music recitals throughout California, Louisiana, Michigan, as well as in Sorrento, Italy.

### Wayne Page & Tom Ross Art Exhibit

March 1-31, 2009
Mutton Building Gallery

A Co-Lin graduate, Page is a sculptor and painter who has exhibited his collection all around the South. Ross has been an art instructor at Co-Lin since 1975.

*The first half of the season included an art exhibit by Ron Koehler and award winning pianist Dr. Ellen Elder. All Showcase Series performances are free and the public is cordially invited.*

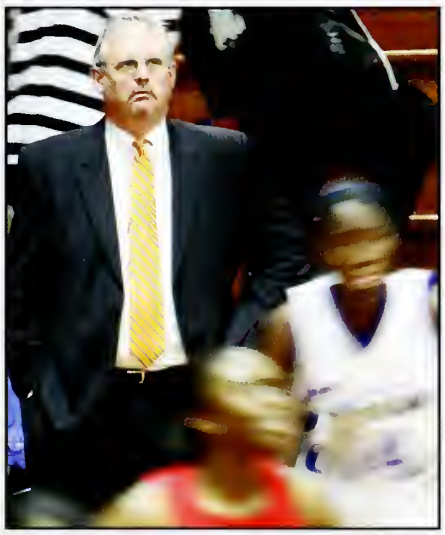
*For more information contact Brad Johnson at (601) 643-8431 or Denise Riley at (601) 643-8434.*

# Gwyn Young

## 700 career wins

By Natalie Davis

Copiah-Lincoln Community College Women's Head Basketball Coach Gywn Young has reached another milestone in his illustrious coaching career, 700 career wins. The win came in a thrilling 81-80 overtime victory over the Northeast Mississippi Lady Tigers on December 13, 2008. Young is currently the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Second Winningest Active Coach in the nation and the Winningest Women's Coach in the Mississippi Association of Community/Junior Colleges.



Young has been head coach of the Lady Wolves basketball team for 32 years. He has served as the college's athletic director since 1989. Since coming to Co-Lin, he has seen his team win title after title and has compiled a record to date of 700 wins and 217 losses.

Young has put the Lady Wolves on the map as one of the nation's most premier women's basketball teams. Under Coach Young's direction, the Lady Wolves have accomplished numerous awards including 19 MACJC Regular Season First place finishes, 13 MACJC South Division Championships, 18 MACJC State Tournament Appearances, five MACJC State Championships (1993, 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2003) and been runner-up to the MACJC State Champions five times (1983, 1984, 1998, 2006 and 2007). The Lady Wolves have won five NJCAA Region 23 Championships (1989, 1993, 1997, 2002, and 2007), been runners-up to the NJCAA Region 23 Champions seven times (1990, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004 and 2006), and made five NJCAA National Tournament appearances (1989, 1993, 1997, 2002, and 2007). Young's team finished sixth in the 2007 National Tournament, fourth in the 1989 National Tournament, and has been consistently ranked each year by the NJCAA polls.

Young has been honored as Region 23 Coach of the Year in 1989, 1993, 1997, 2002 and 2007 and MACJC and MAC Coach of the Year in 1993, 2001 and 2007. *The Clarion-Ledger* has also recognized him as Coach of the Year for Junior Colleges on numerous occasions.

A graduate of Copiah-Lincoln where he was a standout for the Wolves basketball team, Young was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. After graduating from Co-Lin, he attended Mississippi College where he was team MVP and a team captain. Young received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Velesta Smith. They have two grown children, Lane and Jessica, and three grandchildren, Justin, Mary Gwyn and Mailey Kate.

Photos by Jonathon Alford

# Lecture Series presents Science Circus

*By Natalie Davis*

Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Lecture Series will present Rhys Thomas and his Science Circus Juggling Act on March 9, 2009 at 10 a.m. at The Thames Center on the Wesson Campus.

Since 1987, audiences on three continents have applauded the hilarity and dexterity of Rhys Thomas. Combining the quick wit of stand-up comedy with the dextrous feats of the circus, Thomas creates amazing performances for regional theatres, national corporate events, and international festivals.

Thomas is also in demand as a physics presenter using tricks to teach Newtonian concepts at science museums and public schools across North America.

With nothing more than a college education and thousands of hours of practice, Thomas taught himself enough juggling, comedy and physics to go from Seattle street performer to international stage sensation.

Along the way he has performed for regional theaters, national corporate events, international festivals, museums, schools and meetings of secret societies; appeared on worldwide television teaching the mathematics of juggling; serve as Artist in Residence at The Smithsonian Institution; twice represent the U.S. at the Street Theater World Cup in Shizuoka, Japan; opened for such artists as The Smothers Brothers, James Taylor, Leon Redbone, Weird Al Yankovich and Weird Al Gore; performed for over 10,000 at NBA half times; and numerous other events.

For more information about the Co-Lin Lecture Series contact Leslie Hood at (601) 643-8433 or Dr. Kevin McKone at (601) 643-8450.

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*Outstanding instructors (continued from page 4)*

State and a Master of Education from Mississippi College. She has completed additional work at Northeast Louisiana University.

McCalip is a former board member of the Co-Lin Foundation and a member of the Foundation's Hall of Fame. She also is active in the community including the Pilgrimage Garden Club and the Krewe of Phoenix and is a sustaining member of the Natchez Junior Auxiliary. She is also a member of professional organizations such as Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and both the Southern and the Mississippi association for college registrars.

She has two children, Con and Chase. There are four grandchildren. Her husband, Kenneth McCalip, is deceased. She is a member and lector for St. Mary Basilica.

**Lisa Pearson**

Pearson of Madison is the practical nursing instructor at the Co-Lin Simpson County Center. She is a graduate of Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Pearson is presently leading the coordination of the College Reaffirmation of Accreditation for the LPN Program with the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. She received the Co-Lin High Performance Award in 2005-06.

Prior to joining Co-Lin, Pearson was staff nurse with South Mississippi Home Health. She joined Co-Lin in 2002. Pearson is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association and the Association of Career Technical Educators.

She is married to Brewer Pearson, and has one son, Christopher Sullivan. The Pearsons are members of Broadmoor Baptist Church.

# NLCC to Honor Eudora Welty

## | Natchez Literacy & Cinema Celebration |

*By Carolyn Vance Smith*

When it comes to literature, the American South is known far and wide for high-quality writers.

What might not be so well known is that a large number of women are in that elite group. "The Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration will try to remedy that situation," said Carolyn Vance Smith, founder and co-chairman of the Olympic Award-winning conference.

The 20th annual conference, set for Feb. 19-22, 2009, will use the theme, "Southern Women Writers: Saluting the Eudora Welty Centennial." "Consider some of the women writers from Mississippi and their long-lasting works," Smith said. They include:

- Eudora Welty, 1909-2001, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Delta Wedding and The Robber Bridegroom
- Margaret Walker Alexander, 1915-1998, Jubilee and Richard Wright: Daemonic Genius
- Elizabeth Spencer, 1921-, PEN/Malamud Award for Short Fiction, The Light in the Piazza and The Night Travelers
- Ellen Douglas, 1921-, National Book Award nominee, Apostles of Light and Truth: Four Stories I Am Finally Old Enough to Tell
- Natasha Trethewey, 1966-, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Domestic Work and Native Guard
- Julia Reed, 1961-,The House on First Street: My New Orleans Story and Queen of the Turtle Derby
- Carolyn Haines, 1953-, Summer of the Redeemer and Them Bones

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>
> *- Carolyn Vance Smith*

"Also consider women writers from other Southern states," Smith said. They include:

- Harper Lee, 1926-, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Alabama, To Kill a Mockingbird
- Brenda Marie Osbey, 1957-, Louisiana Poet Laureate, All Saints: New and Selected Poems
- Dorothea Benton Frank, New York Times best-selling author of South Carolina, Sullivan's Island, Bulls Island
- Katherine Anne Porter, 1890-1980, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Texas, Flowering Judas and Ship of Fools

"All of these women writers will be featured at the 2009 NLCC," Smith said. "Programs will be either by them or about them."

On Feb. 19, the conference will focus on Welty and her works; on Feb. 20, on Welty's contemporaries and their works; and on Feb. 21, on Welty's successors and their works.

On Feb. 22, writing workshops named in honor of Natchez native Ellen Douglas will conclude the conference.

"Again this year, we have some of the top scholars and writers in the country on the agenda," Smith said. "The keynote speaker is Suzanne Marrs of Millsaps College, Jackson, who is the authority on Eudora Welty. Among other books, she has written Eudora Welty: A Biography and One Writer's Imagination: The Fiction of Eudora Welty."

Enhancing the programs will be documentary films, a dramatic version of To Kill a Mockingbird at the Natchez Little Theatre, panel discussions, book signings, exhibits, concerts, a writing awards ceremony and receptions. In addition are two meals featuring menus suggested by Miss Welty's writings.

Honoring Eudora Welty was a natural decision for the NLCC Steering Committee, Smith said. "Miss Welty helped found the Celebration when she agreed to be on the agenda for the first conference in 1990," Smith said.

The theme for the first conference was "The Natchez

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# McDaniel still on the fast track

*by Mark LaFrancis*

Amber M. McDonald has been on the fast track of life since she was inducted into the Co-Lin Natchez Hall of Fame in 2005.

McDaniel (who was known as Amber Heffner at Co-Lin) knew then she wanted a career in weather service or meteorology, and now she is working for an international weather consulting company, Trinity Consultants, in the Charlotte, N. C., branch.

She is on the side of meteorology that few ever see, but is crucially important to businesses and industries, especially with air quality a global concern.

"The area of meteorology I have become most interested in is air quality meteorology," McDaniel said during a recent interview. "It involves chemistry, computer programming, meteorology, and advanced (calculus, differential equations, etc.) math. I did several internships to figure out the area that I was interested in. These experiences were great! I am getting to do exactly what I feel like I was put on earth to do."

Trinity Consultants is made up primarily of engineers and meteorologists, McDaniel said. "The best way for me to explain what I do is to give an example. Let's say a factory is emitting entirely too much particulate matter into the atmosphere. Needless to say, they need a way to reduce their emissions without shutting down their business. It then becomes my job to use my knowledge of meteorological processes (such as the height, pressure, winds, temperatures, humidity) to figure out the best way of reducing the emissions."

McDaniel's path to North Carolina took her in many different directions after Co-Lin, where she excelled academically. She was vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter, selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges," chosen a 2005 PTK All-USA Academic Team member, president of the Student Government Association and president of SHARE (Student Hospitality and Recruitment) now called the Trailblazers.

After Co-Lin, McDaniel graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she received several honors, among them 2006-2008: Vice President of Mortar Board, 2007-2008: member of the ULM Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2006-2007 Outstanding Student in the College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-2007 "Who's Who Among University Students," and 2006-2007 vice president of the ULM Chapter of the American Meteorological Society. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at ULM. During the summer she married David McDaniel and relocated to North Carolina.

McDaniel's work experience before being hired by Trinity includes an internship with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in West Monroe, the ULM Weather Research Center, and the National Weather Service in Jackson.

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>
> *- Amber McDaniel*

"Co-Lin has also contributed greatly to my success," McDaniel said. "At Co-Lin, I was able to get a top education without the heavy weight of student loans. Each class I took at Co-Lin had a personality of its own. From the instructors who taught the courses to the students in the classes. I love Co-Lin so much because although it is not a large college, you still have a versatile environment to grow in. Everyone is given the same opportunities, it just depends on what you choose to do with them. There are so many clubs to get involved in, and so many people to meet."

She said, "There are some teachers that continue to stick out in my mind. I have never been a history buff, but Mr. (James) Wiggins made me appreciate all cultures and

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# | Copiah Bank establishes scholarship |

*By David Campbell*

Copiah-Bank has pledged $20,000 in scholarships to the Co-Lin Foundation for Copiah-Lincoln Community College students over the next ten years. The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2009.

The Copiah Bank Scholarship will be $2,000 per year and go to a student who is an entering freshman with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average who is from Copiah County. The scholarship is for business majors with preference given to finance majors. Application for the scholarship should be made through the Co-Lin financial aid office.

Copiah Bank is a 117-year-old institution with branch offices in Byram, Crystal Springs, Florence, Hazlehurst, and Wesson. It has assets of almost $130 million. Scott King, senior vice president of the bank, said Copiah Bank and Co-Lin have had a long and good relationship. "We felt like it was a good time to sponsor a scholarship for a Copiah County student, he said.

Charlotte Hill, executive director of the Foundation and alumni affairs for the college, said it is through the generosity of businesses and individuals that many deserving students can afford a college education.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College President Dr. Ronnie Nettles (far left) accepts a check from Copiah Bank Chief Executive Officer George Marx (second from left) to establish a scholarship through the Co-Lin Foundation. Also on hand for the presentation are Charlotte Hill, executive director of the Foundation (second from right) and Scott King, Copiah Bank senior vice president.

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seek out a further understanding of them. Mrs. (Judy) Wiggins with her appreciation for every little detail, she often made me think outside 'my box.' Mrs. (Janice Priester) Byrne and her singing rhymes to help you remember equations (I find myself still singing them at times!). Mr. (John T.) Bullen's sincere interest in getting to know 'you' and his willingness to consistently go over problems with you and never giving up on your abilities. And of course, the intelligent Mr. (Allen) Oliver. He challenged you every time you met for class, because he would call on you at least once for an answer. These are just a few of the teachers at Co-Lin that touched my life. There are so many more."

McDaniel added, "I loved participating in SGA, PTK, Circle K, SHARE, but my biggest achievement while attending Co-Lin was having the honor of being chosen to the Hall of Fame. There were so many people that deserved that honor and the fact that I was chosen still leaves me speechless."

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a strong supporter of the college including reunions held by the 854th Medical Collecting Company. The group sponsors the 854th Medical Collecting Company scholarship honoring Lt. Col. Grover Smith which Durr helped establish. Durr was inducted into the Foundation Hall of Fame in 1994.

Durr and his wife, Carolyn, have three children, Benjamin, Bethany, and Benca. Durr has had inclusion-body myositis, a slow progressing inflammatory muscle disease, since about 1990. He had to start using a wheelchair as a result in 1998.

## Nominations for 2009 Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame can be made through the Alumni Office. Nominations must be made by members of the Athletic Alumni Association and must be received by July 1, 2009. Forms to nominate are available on the college's web site and at the Alumni office. All former Co-Lin athletes are considered members of the Athletic Alumni Association.

Lists of recipients of all the awards are available on the web site under "Alumni and Friends."

# Co-Lin soldier/student finds career in heathcare

*By David Campbell*

Ben Durr took a piece of shrapnel to his knee from a Chinese launched mortar on the battlefield in Korea. More than 30 years later he was back, this time inside China introducing them to popcorn and advising them on their healthcare system.

Durr, a December 1953 Copiah-Lincoln Community College graduate, joined the National Guard while still attending Co-Lin High School as did other classmates and Co-Lin College students. Durr was a boarding student at the high school. He and his classmates were the 854th Medical Collecting Company. They became part of the Korean Conflict after being activated as Durr and others finished Basic Training. Durr was fresh out of high school. He became a medic with the Seventh Cavalry Regiment.

In Korea, Durr became separated from his unit when they were overrun by Chinese troops. Durr lay in the sand in a creek bottom between the Chinese and American lines. "I was lying flat of my back with my left knee up," he explained. A mortar exploded on the creek bank sending shrapnel toward the upraised knee.

He was severely wounded and had to drag his leg as he attempted to escape. "I heard a tank and looked up and saw the white star on its side," he said. American tanks had a white star identification on the side. The tank fought its way through Chinese mortar fire and brought Durr to safety. A young Marine draped his jacket across Durr saying, "Big Doc, we gonna take care of you."

The Marine's jacket caused Durr to be mistaken for a Marine. That bought him a Marine helicopter ride to medical attention. His Army unit didn't have a helicopter for medical evacuations.

At one point during the evacuation he was loaded on a train. There he discovered that the soldier in charge of getting the wounded on the train was Percy Leroy Bullock, a member of his old National Guard unit back at Co-Lin. The two had been separated when they left Camp Pickett in the states.

Durr's experience coming back through military hospitals gave direction to the career he followed for almost 50 years. At 19, he was honorably discharged as a sergeant and returned to attend Co-Lin Community College.

After Co-Lin and Mississippi State he began a career in healthcare management that took him from the University Medical Center in Jackson to chief executive officer of a hospital in Uvalde, Tex. In between he served other Texas hospitals, was vice-president and a member of the board of Lifemark, Inc., which grew from two to 39 hospitals before being sold, received a master's degree from Trinity University, and worked as a healthcare consultant. He also served on the Texas Board of Health for 12 years, having been appointed by both Republican and Democrat governors.

In 1988 he and his son, Benjamin, a 1988 Co-Lin graduate, took 92 pounds of hybrid popcorn seed with them into China when Durr made a trip as a healthcare consultant. "The Chinese planted the corn and had a really good crop," he said. "They got mad at me when they saved some of the seed from the crop and planted the next year." The seed they saved from the crop produced by hybrid seed produced deformed corn,

> "I heard a tank and looked up and saw the white star on its side."
>
> *- Ben Durr*

Durr, a farm boy who grew up in Caseyville, explained laughing. Shortly after that the Chinese showed up at Purdue University, Durr's source for the seed, trying to learn about hybrid corn.

Durr has been a tuba player with the Co-Lin Band, a little theatre actor in Texas, and authored an historical novel, *Miss Emily, the Yellow Rose of Texas*, in 2001. He spoke to a Co-Lin American history class during a visit to campus in October 2008. He retired in 2004 as CEO of Uvalde County Hospital Authority.

He was Co-Lin's 1993 Alumni of the Year and has been

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## Congratulations

**Bobby Thornton** ('79) has been promoted to the rank of colonel. He has been serving on active duty in the Global War on Terrorism since June 2004.

**Robert Pope** ('86) he has been selected to lead the electron microscopy section of the Division of Pathology at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

**Cliff Furr of Brookhaven** ('02) has been named assistant basketball coach for the men's and women's teams at Co-Lin. He also is an instructor in the college's humanities division.

**Courtney Dickey Myers** ('03) of Brookhaven is the secretary to the executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs.

## Wedding Bells

**Sara E. Rogers** ('97) married Michael Michel in November.

**Marcus B. McBride** ('00) married Mindy M. Shinn on October 25, 2008. He is an imaging coordinator for Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada PLLC.

**Jamie Price** ('01) married **Shellie Wilson** ('06) on July 2, 2008. Jamie is currently employed with Denbury Resources Inc. as an I&E technician. Shellie is currently a homemaker.

**Kimberly Coleman** ('03) married Tyler Slobogan on October 18, 2008. She is an Estee Lauder cosmetic skin care advisor at Macy's in Vero Beach, Fla.

**Callie L. Calcote** ('04) married Matthew S. Carter on September 12, 2008.

**Amy Annette Mardis** ('05) married **Thomas Hawley Jr.** ('05) on September 6, 2008. Amy is currently furthering her education in special education. Thomas is currently employed with Noble Drilling Inc.

**Kittye Danielle Marks** ('05) married Frank O. "Trey" Mason III on October 11, 2008. She is employed with Natchez Regional Medical Center as a radiologic technologist.

**Whitney Prestwood** ('06) married James Bowen on November 22, 2008. She is employed with Magee Elementary School teaching kindergarten.

**Mary C. Price** ('06) married **Jeffery O. Waycaster** ('04) on October 18, 2008. She is currently seeking a degree from Hinds Community College. He is employed with Resource Energy Service Corporation.

**Tyler W. Thompson** ('06) married **Emily D. Oberschmidt** ('06) on September 20, 2008. Tyler is a registered nurse at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La.

**Adam T. Ferguson** (attended) married **Christina S. Reid** ('02) on September 27, 2008. The bride is employed as a dental assistant with Dr. Chris G. Boyd of Monticello. The groom is co-owner of All-American Housing in Brookhaven.

**Holly Marie Buckles** (attending) married Warren Walker on October 18, 2008. She is majoring in cosmetology.

**Lauren Campbell** (graduate) married Shaun McDonald on October 25, 2008. She is employed with DynSteel Corporation in Natchez.

**Tiffani Coquat** (graduate) married **Seth Ferguson** (graduate) on June 5, 2008. The bride is an algebra II and pre-algebra teacher and head fast-pitch coach at Wesson Attendance Center. She is currently seeking a master's degree in mathematics from Mississippi College. The groom is part-owner of All-American Housing.

**Courtney R. Johnson** (graduate) married **James L. Cain** (graduate) on October 18, 2008. She is the secretary at First Baptist Church Weekday Education Program. He is employed with Boswell Regional Center.

**Laura A. Phillips** (graduate) married **Stephen L. Murray** ('06) on October 25, 2008. She has completed a master's degree in speech pathology for the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed as a production operator with Chevron.

**Andrea Tobias** (graduate) married Nonyameko Fells on September 27, 2008. The groom is employed with McLane Southern and is a contract carrier for the Daily Leader.

**Julius Williams** (graduate) married Malisa Dena Butler on November 15, 2008. He is a teacher and football coach at Vicksburg Junior High School in Vicksburg.

## In Memoriam

**Wilma Albritton McLeod Boggan** ('36), 92, passed away September 6, 2008. She was a native of Simpson County. She received a master's degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Fannie Lee Smith Lewis** ('36) passed away August 30, 2008. She was a teacher for 44 years.

**Dr. Wendell Bryon Holmes** ('39), 88, passed away July 8, 2008. Dr. Holmes served in the Navy as a medical officer, and he also completed his residency in Opthalmology at Tulane University in the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital.

**J.W. "Red" Smith** ('54), 76, passed away September 7, 2008. He served in the Korean War and was the owner of Red Smith Auto

Sales.

**Willie E. McGee** ('58) passed away September 13, 2008. He was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

**Bridgett Barton-Massey** ('84) passed away July 12, 2008. During her years at Co-Lin, she was a Colette.

**Sarah Elizabeth Taylor** of Brookhaven (current), 20, passed away November 17, 2008. She was a member of the Lady Wolves tennis team.

**Gay S. Smith** (attended), 64, passed away September 18, 2008.

**James "Edgar" Ross** (attended), 80, passed away September 22, 2008.

**Parthenia Jana "P.J." Maxwell Dillon** (graduated), 47, passed away October 6, 2008. She was a native of Miami, Fla.

**Stephanie Brown** (graduated), 44, passed away August 9, 2008. She was employed as a medical lab technician.

**Bobbie L. King** (graduate), 76, passed away October 25, 2008.

**Pauline Bailey Moak** (graduated), 82, passed away September 10, 2008 in Brookhaven.

**Harris Brand Henley** (former Board of Trustees member) passed away August 20, 2008. He was inducted into the college's Foundation Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Mae Robinson Brown** (former employee) passed away October 27, 2008. She was employed in 1981 at Co-Lin.

**Jean Furr Tolbert,** 83, (history instructor '47 – '49) passed away April 2008. She was a 1947 graduate of Mississippi College.

## New Arrivals

**Justin** ('93) and **Carole Dykes Bass** ('94) are the parents of a daughter, Avery Claire, born January 24, 2008. Avery's grandparents are retired Co-Lin instructors Dr. Jerry ('61) and Nancy ('63) A. Dykes.

**Todd** (graduated) and Jill McDaniel are the proud parents of Joseph Matthew born September 4, 2008.

**Duane** ('98) and **Amy Smith Burt** ('99) are the proud parents of Layla Kate born on September 9, 2008. Duane is a science instructor on Co-Lin's Wesson Campus. He is a former instructor at the Simpson County Center. Amy is a teacher at Bogue Chitto Attendance Center.

**Marcie Parrett Errington** ('04) and Blake Errington are the proud parents of Paxton Bo Errington born on September 23, 2008. Marcie graduated from the Associate Degree Nursing Program and is also the daughter of Brenda and Dewitt Parrett. Brenda is the administrative assistant to Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles.

Josh and Carly Jordan are the proud parents of Hayes Allen Jordan on September 28, 2008. Carly is the daughter of Buster and **Marilyn Brown**. Marilyn is the Director of The Thames Conference Center.

**Cliff** ('02) and **Angela Davis Furr** ('02) are the proud parents of Amelia Kate born on October 29, 2008. Cliff is a humanities instructor and assistant basketball coach and Angela is Co-Lin's recruiter.

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Trace: Its Literary Legacy." Welty read aloud her famed story that is set on the Trace, "A Worn Path."

"She absolutely captivated the audience," Smith said. "She read with such flair. She could have been a successful actress if she had wanted a second career." Welty continued to support the event the rest of her life, Smith said.

In addition to honoring Southern women writers, the conference will honor William and Elise Winter of Jackson, at a free public reception on Feb. 21, Smith said.

"Every year since the beginning, Gov. Winter has been Director of Proceedings for the NLCC. We can't imagine having the conference without him and Mrs. Winter. We are so grateful to them."

Hosting the reception will be the NLCC, the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, which has sponsored the conference since 1990.

The NLCC is free except for certain meals and the play, To Kill a Mockingbird. Information and tickets are available at www.colin.edu/nlcc, by calling 601-446-1208 or 866-296-6522, or by emailing NLCC@colin.edu.

Sponsors of the conference in addition to Copiah-Lincoln are Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi Department of Archives and History and Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Partial funding comes from the Mississippi Humanities Council and the Mississippi Arts Commission.

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## The Annual Fund Campaign

Co-Lin's Annual Fund Campaign is an opportunity for you to invest in Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the people it serves.

Gifts from people like you combined with other private resources and state funding enable the College to provide an atmosphere in which students are challenged and encouraged.

Your gift will help bridge the gap between Co-Lin's essential needs and available funding. Private support from individuals like you makes the difference between a budget that provides a minimal level of support for teaching and faculty development and a budget that means an enhanced educational experience that goes beyond the ordinary.

Will you please join with me to makeup that vital margin needed to continue Co-Lin as one of the outstanding community colleges in Mississippi?

Ronald E. Nettles

*Dr. Ronald E. Nettles, President*

## Why an Annual Fund?

In recent years, state support has accounted for a smaller and smaller portion of Co-Lin's total operating budget, yet competition for top faculty and students has never been more intense. Consequently, Co-Lin has had to increase its level of private support.

Co-Lin's long range plan to become an even better college will require increased program support, professional development opportunities for faculty and staff and expanded facilities. Despite continued funding needs, Copiah-Lincoln Community College has met the challenge and established a strong reputation for excellence. Your college needs your help to further these accomplishments.

*Any gift from you will make a difference at Co-Lin.*

## How your gift will help?

It is certainly true that tax dollars assist Copiah-Lincoln Community College. It is also true that no college ever became great with public funding alone. Co-Lin's goal is to be the best educational institution of its kind in Mississippi. We have a great beginning... We need your help to continue.

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- ___ Big Wolf Club-Athletics
- ___ Other _____
  - ___ Wesson Campus
  - ___ Natchez Campus
  - ___ Simpson County Center

***YES***, I want to be a part of the PACK!
I/We want to contribute to the Annual Fund.

Double your dollars – *If you work for a matching gift company, remember to enclose your company matching gift form.*

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# Calendar Events

*Monday*, January 19, 2009
State/National Holiday

*Tuesday*, January 27, 2009
Community Arts *Aficionado* Series – Quink

*Tuesday*, February 17, 2009
Community Arts *Aficionado* Series – Ailey II Dance Company

*Wednesday-Sunday*, February 19-22, 2009
Natchez Literary & Cinema Celebration

March 1-31, 2009
Community Arts Showcase Series – Wayne Page and Tom Ross Art Exhibit

*Tuesday*, March 3, 2009
Community Arts Showcase Series – Dr. Joseph LaRosa

*Monday*, March 9, 2009
Lecture Series – Rhys Thomas

*Monday-Friday*, March 15-19, 2009
Spring Holidays

*Tuesday*, March 24, 2009
Community Arts *Aficionado* Series – Philippe Bianconni

*Saturday*, March 28, 2009
Major Donor Banquet – Wesson Campus

*Thursday*, April 2, 2009
Career Fair - Wesson Campus

*Friday & Monday*, April 10 & 13, 2009
Easter Holidays

*Tuesday*, April 14, 2009
Natchez Campus – Awards Day

*Wednesday*, April 22, 2009
Wesson Campus – Awards Day
Foundation Scholarship Reception

*Thursday*, April 23, 2009
Natchez Golf Classic – Beau Pre Golf Club

*Thursday*, April 23, 2009
Simpson County Center – Awards Day

*Friday*, May 15, 2009
Graduation - Natchez Campus

*Saturday*, May 16, 2009
Graduation – Wesson Campus
Graduation – Simpson County Center

*Monday*, May 25, 2009
Memorial Day Holiday

*Thursday*, June 18, 2009
Wesson Golf Classic – Wolf Hollow Golf Club

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